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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about  
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IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Cancel Claims 4-12.

(A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this  
Amendment.)

Amend Claims 1-3 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method for handling a nuclear reactor pressure  
vessel, comprising providing a protective measure for a used fuel pool in a  
nuclear reactor well, said protective measure having a penetrating path therein  
and carrying out or in said nuclear reactor pressure vessel through said

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